

Extra Information
Bos Meeting
10-11-07
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John Murray

From: Dore' Hunter
Sent: Thursday, October 11, 2007 5:22 PM
To: John Murray
Subject: Re: 10/5/07 Revised North Acton Fire/EMS Station building program

Charlie,

Thank you for your message comments. I know I asked John to tell you I would not be able to get back to you until tomorrow in our shaky cell phone contact at my conference's noon break, but thankfully this marathon 3 day DVS training conference in Mansfield broke up early this afternoon (everyone was getting glassy eyed) and I am back to my keyboard earlier than expected.

As I have said many times, it is always best to avoid procedure issues so to focus on and struggle with the matters of content. Given what occurred at the last Steering Committee meeting, and the other surrounding circumstances, I obviously felt what I proposed by email was proper. You disagree, and I like many differences of viewpoint a case could be made for your view, had I actually released instructions to the architect to proceed with a layout and test his thinking re the additional thousand square feet he said he believes he could reasonably eliminate. However, I took your response as a serious objection and did not do so. Accordingly there is no OML issue, I understand that Town Counsel concurs.

I note that it seems ironic that in weighing whether I would send what you consider to be the offending message I was weighing was whether I should do so or not based on the circumstance that the architect had proposed a further reduction proposal after the meeting. I presume you did and do not object to that potential reduction of the building size.

I would still like to get another sketch from the architect showing the reduced building at or about 10.5 K square feet, both to have a show and tell image in the State of the Town booklet, if it now remains possible that such can be ready in time to be printed in the booklet, to allow those of us who are visual learners to judge whether the concept sketch layout seems workable and satisfactory. To that end the BOS at tonight's extra meeting (scheduled a while back to respond to the ALG's requests for a report back on Monday morning re capital funding, etc.) will be asked as whether they wish to send a "draw the sketches" instructions to the architect, without receiving a formal recommendation from the Advisory group, or hold another Steering Committee meeting on Monday to get a formal recommendation. Against that possibility the Monday Steering Committee potential meeting has already been posted, but the posting will be withdrawn if that is not the BOS's decision. This, of course, in the hope that the deadlines can still somehow be met.

I understand that you support this project, and I appreciate that.

But I am concerned by what seems to be your position that we should not seek a revised concept sketch of the currently proposed layout from the architect, and at least a rough elevation sketch, to be able to show the folks at the State of the Town Meeting, which as you indicate will be one of the important public forums at which this project will be seen by the voters.

You are the only addressee on this message.

I note that you have copied several emails to the architect. In the circumstances that was understandable, but I will appreciate it if you would not continue to do so. The Town Manager is the person with whom the architect deals. I have only directed a communication to Brian once, other than at an Acton meeting, and I deemed it then necessary to first get the Manager's approval. If you do find something you just have to communicate to Brian about, please do likewise.

Regards,
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